Bar Hill News

November '04 No. 415

Some Forthcoming Events

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Village Green
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Contributors should note that there is no January issue, so events in January will need to appear in the December Issue

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Letters to the Editor

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Mcmillan Coffee Mornings

Olwen Goodwin who runs the Mcmillan Coffee Mornings was joined this year by Joan Tanton and Winnie Holt who helped collect and price items for sale.

The Happy Hours Club held a raffle and raised £72 while a further £20 came from the local primary school staff who paid for coffee and cakes that they had donated!

Together with the Bring and Buy sale on the day, Olwen was able to bank £537 - her highest total. Olwen who is now 89 has decided this year was her last.

Since 1996 she has raised around £2,500 for the Mcmillan Cancer Appeal. Well done, Olwen.

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to the attention of Bar Hill residents my experience of the "Why Bother" attitude that now seems to be all the rage in the U.K.

Some of you, after reading this letter, may consider that I should apply to go on the programme "Grumpy old men", at present I "moan" to myself and close family, but thought that I would share this with you.

On Saturday the 9th October 2004 at approximately 5.30pm, I am 99.9% sure that I witnessed somebody about to fly tip a van load of builders rubbish including an old bath and rubble etc from the back of an old transit tipper truck, onto the parking area outside one of the many empty industrial units on Viking Way.

When I arrived home, I tried to telephone Cambridge police station thinking this was the correct thing to do. After waiting approximately 5 minutes (ring ring) I almost thought "Why Bother" (ring ring) but, I thought I would persevere and (ring ring) see just how long it takes (ring ring) for them to answer.

When I eventually got through (good job it wasn't a real problem !!) I was told that it was nothing to do with them and that the reason that it had taken so long for them to answer the phone was that they were very busy (does that mean that there was only one person working then??) I was informed that I had to ring another number 0800-807060, this being an environmental help line phone number, based in Peterborough. When I contacted these people, they were very helpful and took all the relevant information down, but I couldn't help thinking that Peterborough is at least half an hour away and the chance of these "low life's" getting away with blighting MY neighbourhood with their rubbish was very high so my immediate reaction again was "Why Bother". . .

So for future reference if anyone sees somebody fly tipping around the local area the number to ring is 0800-807060. Not that this will stop them or that you will get a police patrol car catching them red handed (there far too busy raising money by catching somebody speeding).

Hopefully, I will not via my council taxes be paying for this area to be cleaned up! But, I very much doubt it. Just like I am sure that I inadvertently paid for the mess that the travellers left.

Name and address supplied

Better Rights Of Way If Guided Busway Gets Go-Ahead

Dr Chris Gossop, the independent inspector of the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway inquiry heard that plans for the high quality, reliable and frequent public transport service would include a 19km bridleway giving dedicated access for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders from St Ives to the north of Cambridge, as well as a request stop at the Fen Drayton Nature Reserve and a new public right of way over the River Ouse near St Ives giving legal and protected access for local people.

The Ramblers Association, the British Horse Society, Sustrans and theLocal Access Forum have all withdrawn their original objections to the Guided Busway following discussions and negotiations with the County Council.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor John Reynolds said: "The Guided Busway has given us the opportunity to provide more public rights of way in Cambridgeshire. The scheme will not involve any permanent closure of rights of way and most importantly the scheme as a whole will significantly improve access to the Cambridgeshire countryside for people who choose not to use, or who do not have a car."

"The proposals will provide local people with more extensive opportunities to access the countryside and clearly this is something that the County Council is delighted to be able to do. Over the years we have had repeated requests from local groups for us to provide more circular and off road bridleways in the County and the Guided Busway has given us an opportunity to meet these requests."

In addition a new cycle track along the southern section of the guideway will provide a dedicated cycle route from Cambridge railway station to one of the city's biggest employers and key areas for future development, Addenbrooke's Hospital.

John Reynolds

Lost Cats

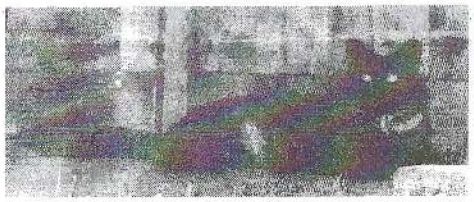
Charlie

Charlie is a 4-year-old tabby who lives at 42 Watermead. He is very friendly and often roams. Please do not encourage him into your own home as he already has a perfectly good home! He doesn't wear a collar at they keep being removed.

We are trying to stop him wandering so please do call us on 782502 if he has taken a liking to your home as we miss him.

Trudy Moss

Basil



Basil is a large long-haired black and grey cat. We've owned him for two years, but in May he 'moved out'. Initially we could find him and kept bringing him home. However, since the start of September we haven't seen him despite searching a wider area. This means we are unable to maintain his medical treatment, which is extremely worrying.

We know that he is a charming and cheeky cat who would take advantage of any kind person who offers him food and shelter. If he has adopted you, or hangs out in your street PLEASE phone us, even if you're not certain it's him.

He is not a stray; we love him to bits and miss him terribly.

Please call any time: 203537

Helen Stevens

More Letters to the Editor

My 80th Birthday surprise

Many thanks to everyone who turned up for my 80th birthday party at the Village Hall on Saturday September 18th. My special mention goes to Brian and Jean who organized this wonderful evening without me knowing a thing. It was a night I will always remember. It made me feel very humble, but also very proud to be respected in this way. To all the people who contributed in making the evening a great success: Barry and his music; food provided by Bob and made by Bill; through the Social Club, a beautiful birthday cake made by Steve of the cricket section; gifts from Football, Cricket and Management Committee and presents and card from everyone; thank you; thank you. I must also not forget my family and friends who made the trip from London to help me to enjoy this lovely evening. It is a pleasure to have so many kind friends in the time I have lived in Bar Hill.

God bless,
Fred Styles.

Another Friday Night in Bar Hill....

Yet again the local youth congregate on the willow tree green between Partridge Drive and Hanover court. Yet again I had to endure a couple of hours of antisocial behavour, foul language and bottles being smashed.

I did call the police and for the first time in my experience they responded very well,they came out and dispersed the crowd and by 11.00 I expect some other part of Bar Hill was being disturbed.

In the morning I cleared up the aftermath of the mess of wine bottles and beer cans etc. I then placed them neatly outside the parish council offices, Why? Pure frustration, can anybody tell me if there has been any improvement since the last community meeting? Has there been any positive action taken? Because if there has, it isn't working and we are all being laughed at by these morons who blight our community.

I can only urge others to keep calling the police the minute these small gangs congregate somewhere, hope fully they may get the message and save us the unpleasant clear up the day after.

Toby Abrey

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

WHITHER SUBURBIA?

The County Council has just responded to the East of England Regional Assembly (EERA) about the additional house numbers demanded for this region by John Prescott's department. You may recall that EERA had just accepted reluctantly government plans for a large number of houses for the region, when Whitehall came back and demanded that we added 18,000 houses to the previously agreed number. The claim was that this additional number "had been shown to be necessary."

The assembly asked the minister concerned to explain just where the jobs were foreseen that would make these additional settlements "sustainable" in accordance with the government's declared principles. The answer received did not convince this county; and I do not believe it will convince other members of EERA. As one of your representatives on that's planning body, I shall certainly be fighting for the County Council line - that the additional 18,000 houses are rejected.

If they build that number of houses without local jobs being identified, they would all become dormitory settlements for London; and a considerable portion of the region would, effectively, become London suburbs. That is not what I want to see; and I doubt that you do.

If the assembly does what I want, it will be open, of course, to Mr Prescott to override that local decision (not an uncommon occurrence nowadays) and insist upon suburbia moving this way. However, I doubt that he would want to be seen doing that as an election approaches; even less would he want to do it in the run up to the first referendum on directly elected regional assemblies. There does not seem much point in spending all that money setting them up (and giving them buildings like the Scottish model) if Whitehall is always going to insist on getting its own way anyway.

My bet is that he will wait until after the election and then, if re-elected, impose at least 18,000 additional houses upon us. After all the government's Barker Report (about which I have already written and about which they are keeping remarkable quiet) is demanding TWICE the numbers we are arguing about.

EFFICIENCY SAVINGS

Some of you may have read about The Gershon Report. It suggests that local authorities should be able to save something like 30% on their procurement processes by making them more efficient. It goes without saying (and, sure enough, the report is not saying) that the savings achievable depend upon how efficient any given organisation was to start with.

I reckon we are quite good. I don't claim there is nothing left to save; but 30% is farcical. If we were that inefficient, would one of our procurement experts have been invited to speak at a major international conference of Purchasing Directors in Dubai? It is a great compliment to us that Olivia Thompson, our Commissioning Manager for Strategic Development in the Property and Procurement Division, has been invited to do this. Before you ask; all of her expenses are being met by the organisers, not by our taxpayers.

I am available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

John Reynolds
4 Hollytrees
Bar Hill
Cambridge
Tel: 01954 200571
e-mail:
john.reynolds@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Councillors' Surgery

Bar Hill's elected councillors, John Reynolds (County) and Roger Hall and Bunty Waters (District) will be holding Councillors' Surgeries on the second Saturday of every other month between 11 am and midday at the Parish Council Offices. In the intervening months, surgeries will be held in Dry Drayton, Boxworth and Lolworth. These will give residents the opportunity to raise local issues, if necessary through one-to-one interviews.

The next Councillors' Surgery will be on **Saturday, 13th November at 11 am** at the Parish Council Offices.

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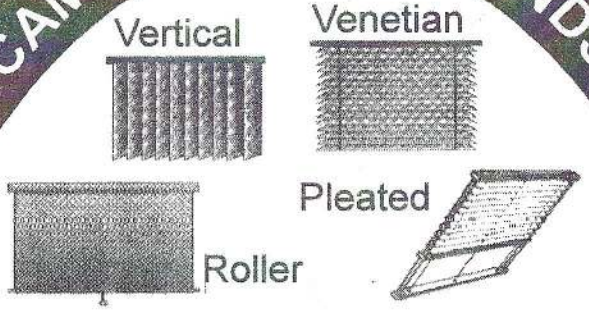

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Anti-Social Behaviour Act

In last months edition I put in a piece about conifer trees in gardens. I should reiterate that only if the conifers are of a height that is a nuisance to your neighbours should they be cut back. In most cases these trees are fine as they are, they give privacy and also reduce noise levels, so please do not cut down if not causing a problem. Sorry about the vagueness and hopefully this will clear up any confusion.

Village Hall

I have had word that the tenders went out for the refurbishment of the Village Hall at the end of October. The hope is that the Village Hall will close for refurbishment sometime towards the end of January 2005. I will keep the village informed of the progress.

Bus Service

As many residents will no doubt be aware the last bus from Cambridge has recently stopped coming to Bar Hill because of vandalism to the bus, even though it had been proven that the vandals were not from Bar Hill. Many people felt that we were being punished for something that is not our fault and John Reynolds has been working very hard, behind the scenes, to try to get this service reinstated. As soon as I have further information I shall let you know.

PCSO Public Meeting

This has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Further information will be available when a new date has been planned.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 18th November 2004 at 7.00pm in the new Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend this meeting.

Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
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Dog Fouling:	01223 443012
Cambridgeshire County Council (damaged roads and paths):	01223 717111

CHRISTMAS WASTE AND RECYCLING

South Cambs residents are being given a weekly black wheeled bin collection service throughout the Christmas period as a result of resident feedback.

Last Christmas green waste was virtually nil from mid December to mid January, but the volume of glass, cans and normal waste peaked during the first and second weeks after Christmas and New Year.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has therefore suspended green wheeled bin collections and diverted resources to collecting the black wheeled bins the week before Christmas and the two weeks after New Year's Day. The increased black bin collection should alleviate the need for excess / side waste. The green box collection scheme remains the same in most cases.

Councillor Sebastian Kindersley, portfolio holder for environmental health at South Cambridgeshire District Council explained, "We've listened to resident feedback and looked at the pattern of bank holidays and the availability of staff over this busy holiday period. I'm confident we've come up with the best possible solution for everyone involved without compromising our service and recycling rates."

Cardboard

The green wheeled bin should have capacity for Christmas cards and cardboard, but these items can be taken to Household Waste Recycling Centres, local recycling sites, or treated as general waste, in the unlikely event that green wheeled bins become full. Christmas cards can be taken to WH Smith and Tesco's for recycling.

Kitchen waste

If residents are unable to home compost, kitchen food waste can be placed in the black wheeled bin to maintain a weekly collection of this material.

Green boxes

Everyone will receive the current green box collection service, apart from collections normally on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December (Bank Holidays) – on these occasions double collections will take place on Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 January.

Full timetables have been printed in the Autumn issue of South Cambs Magazine and will be reprinted in the Winter edition.

The timetable is also on the District Council's website at www.scambs.gov.uk and local press will be carrying adverts.

For further information call 0840 450 063.

Bar Hill bin collection dated for the next six weeks are on page 11.
December and January dates will be published next month.

District Councillor's Report

'Most important' and 'least important' Council services

A total of 2,483 residents of South Cambridgeshire replied to a survey in the *South Cambridgeshire Magazine* as to which services are the most important and which are the least. The five most important services are:

- Waste collection and recycling (73%)
- Community Safety - i.e. tackling crime and disorder (68%)
- Street Cleaning, including abandoned vehicles (57%)
- Traveller issues including action against illegal encampments (42%)
- Food safety, pollution, and pest control (40%).

The least important services:

- Arts development and support in villages (77%)
- Economic development and tourism (61%)
- Sports development and Milton Country Park (45%)
- Licensing (36%)
- Community services i.e. support for village halls and community groups (31%)

Although this indicates the directions in which residents believe their Council Tax ought to go, many of the least-favoured items are those demanded by central Government legislation. As I pointed out at the recent Scrutiny Committee meeting, such surveys are important only if repeated on an annual basis as certain items may be topical one year but not the next

Roger Hall
District Councillor

Neighbourhood Watch

I wish to inform you that I have stepped down as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Bar Hill Village, although I shall still be looking after Acorn Avenue. I have held this position for over five years now and feel that it is time for someone else to take over. If anyone, who is a fully paid up member of the scheme feels that they would like to take over, from me, please call 0845 456 4564 (calls will be charged at local rate) and ask for Julie Stevens at Histon.

Please remember to take care

Jill Smith, 205453

Friends of Bar Hill Library

Book Sale

The Friends of Bar Hill Library will be holding a Book Sale at the entrance to the Library, on **Saturday December 4th**, between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. We would be very grateful to receive any donations of books, music, videos or DVDs to sell, in order to raise funds for the group, which organises talks and other events in the library.

We would also be delighted to hear from anyone interested in joining the Friends Group! We are still quite a small group, united by enthusiasm for our library and the wish to see it well-used and flourishing. It would be especially welcome if someone who shares this view and enjoys coordinating / organising a small group of volunteers came forward.

Your Library needs you!

Membership forms are available from the Library Staff, or, for more details about the group, please telephone Victoria Richardson on 01480 375193.

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Following the success of last year's shopping evening, SPARC are holding another Christmas Gift and Shopping event on Saturday 13th November from 10.00am - 3.00pm. If you are interested in having a stall at this event please contact Kirsten on 01954 200228.

The Royal British Legion

Bar Hill Branch

The September meeting took place in the Village Hall meeting room. The tickets for the Band Concert in St Neots have all been sold. This concert is by the band of the Irish Guards; all proceeds to go the Poppy Appeal.

Preparations are underway in Bar Hill for the Poppy Appeal. Sadly we will not have Mr Terry Barnes as our Poppy Appeal Organiser as owing to personal problems he has resigned from this office. This posed us a problem but at short notice Mr Mike Duce agreed to co-ordinate a group effort by five of the lady members to distribute collection boxes and poppies around the industrial estate and the shops.

The laying of wreaths by village organisations takes place outside the Octagon on Monday 8th November at 10am, followed by a short service.

On Monday 22nd November the Annual General Meeting of No. 4 Group will be held in Bar Hill School at 7.30pm. The speaker will talk about Bletchley Park. Anyone who interested but not a member is most welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Mary Shubotham
781553

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By joining a new Patient and Public Involvement Forum, set up by the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health, and offering a few hours each week you will have statutory powers to influence change locally. The Forum will put forward concerns directly to the local Primary Care or NHS Trust about the healthcare you, your family and local people around you receive and they will respond. It's not just the medical issues where your help in collecting local public opinion is needed. In the last few months we have had PPI forums interested in rubbish tips, bus routes and rats – they can all have an impact on you and the health of your family and local people.

Travel expenses, child care and carers' cost paid.

If you want more power to influence changes in health join your local Patient and Public Involvement Forum.

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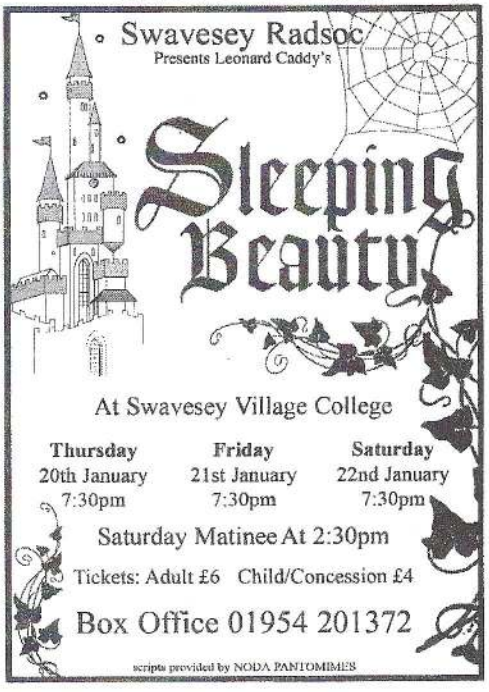

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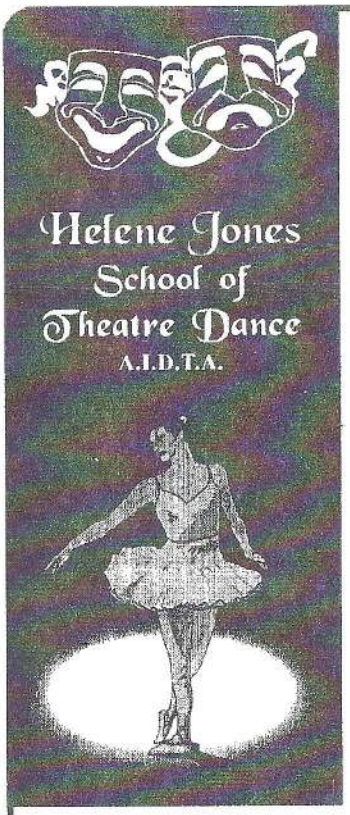

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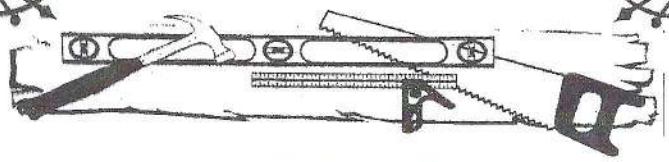

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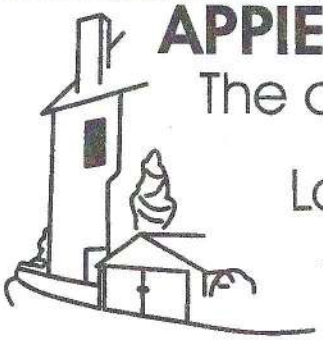

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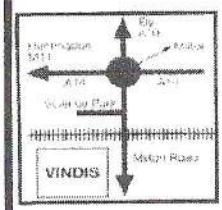

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Session times:

Am.	9.00-11.30
Pm.	12.30-3.00
Lunch club	11.30-12.30
Wednesday	Open All Day

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Monday	Sunbeams (run by Jayne & Tina)
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£5 per hour
£10 to hire the kitchen
£10 for ride-on toys
£25 bouncy castle
£45 for 3 hours hire of the above, excluding the kitchen.
Phone Sunshine on 789099 or Vicky on 205497

To book sessions or for further information please contact the Play leaders, Jayne & Tina on 789099 or come and see us during one of our sessions.

Diary Dates

6th November	Open Afternoon 2-4pm
7th November	Family Photos
26th November	Disco at Sunshine 6.15–7.15pm for Pre-school, Reception, Years 1 & 2, £1.50 including drink & biscuit 7.30-9.00pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, £2.00 hot dogs & drinks on sale. Tickets from Sunshine or pay on the door.
11th December	Tea with Santa

Things We Have Done & Will Be Doing

Sunshine Pre-school will be holding a sponsored marathon walk on 27th November. Everyone welcome.

The children have taken part on a bug hunt around the village and they have also donated toiletries to Jimmy's Night Shelter in conjunction with the church.

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Bar Hill School News

Last year was an excellent year for us at Bar Hill School. We participated in several exciting projects and gained some well-deserved awards.

Our work on Parents in Partners has gained us £100 of book vouchers which will be spent on books for our new parent library and our high standards in ICT and teaching and learning was recognised by the awards NAACE (National Accreditation In Education) and the Quality Mark.

In August we learnt that we had been awarded the International Award for the second time since 2000. Two of our governors went to London to receive the award in October and we hosted the local award ceremony which was attended by Andrew Baxter, Director of Education For Cambridgeshire and John Rolfe from the British Council.

Our pupils have gone from strength to strength. They have a very active voice in the school in leading it forward and in decision making. In addition to our well-established school council and anti-bullying council we have trained up over 20 responsible citizens! If anyone in our local community would like to know more about their work, do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, we would like to thank all the grannies and grandads and senior citizens for helping to make our Harvest Festival such a special occasion and to all our parents for their continued support.

Best wishes

Lin Whyte
Headteacher

Bin Collection Dates

November

3 Green bin and box
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17 Green bin and box
24 Black bin

December

1 Green bin and box
8 Black bin
15 Green bin and box

(this is the last collection from the green wheelie bins until January 26th)

Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group

(formerly Tots and Teds)

Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group is a welcoming and friendly group set up to provide play and socialising for children 0-4 years. A committee of local volunteer parents runs the group. We meet in the Octagon every Wednesday and Friday morning 9.45 – 11.15.

Each session is run by a Session leader and provides a range of activities, which includes crafts; puzzles; imaginary play and a selection of outdoor toys (weather permitting). We provide refreshments and an opportunity to meet new people. We ask a small fee of £1.80 per child per session and £1.00 per sibling (this helps us cover the cost of the hall/ refreshments/toys).

New Toys

We are currently in the process of replacing some of our old toys and extending the range we have, this is thanks to the support of our regular Toddlers and the hard work and dedication of the committee, who do a grand job.

Younger Toddlers

If you little cherub is still young and feel that things could be a little much for them, please do come down to our Friday session, this is generally a little less busy and therefore more suitable for the younger ones who are just starting to toddle or still crawling.

Events

Karaoke/Disco

This is on Saturday 11th December 2004. Tickets will be £5.00 each. This will be held in the School hall with a licensed Bar. Tickets will be on sale very soon. Invite friends and family, it's sure to be a great night out.

Christmas Parties

On Wednesday 15th December and Friday 17th December we will be holding our usual end of term Christmas Parties. These are held during the normal session times. There will be a raffle at the end of term for a Christmas Hamper and Homemade Iced Christmas Cake.

Cake Stalls

We will be holding our usual cake stalls at the end of term on both Wednesday 15th December and Friday 17th December. Our committee members will be busy baking for you to come and buy homemade cakes. We recommend to come early to avoid disappointment.

If you would like any further information please call in to one of sessions, Emma runs Wednesdays and Jo runs Fridays, they will be happy to speak to you, or call Lucy Tel: 01954 781341.

Bar Hill Social Club

On bonfire night 5th November we will once again be having our usual open night during and after the fireworks in the club so even if you are not a member of the club feel free to come and see what we have to offer, and at the same time you can observe the future plans for the club which are now on display.

We still have some vacancies for casual staff, if anybody is interested please contact Barry or Lorraine at the social club 206117 for details.

As stated last month our Christmas Draw is now well up and running with prizes being added frequently, the more tickets we sell the more prizes we will have. Our draw night this year is Friday 10th December.

Advanced notice for New Years Eve- This year we will be in the club only with the vocalist Julie Bunn supplying the entertainment. This will be a members only event and membership cards will have to be shown to gain entry.

Our entertainment this month includes;

Friday 5th Bonfire Night Open Evening

Saturday 13th Membership draw

Thursday 18th General knowledge Quiz (teams to be of no more than 6 persons each)

Friday 19th Children in Need Night (fundraising for this worthy cause)

Friday 26th Wayne Champagne

Saturday 27th Membership Draw

We are also hoping to arrange to see Saturday Night Fever at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London early December, please keep your eyes on the notice board in the club. Tickets are limited to 40 and we expect them to go fast.

Bob Wells Chairman

Girlguiding Rainbows Brownies and Guides

Do you have fond memories of when you a Brownie or Guide? Would you be willing to give a little of your time using your talents to help girls and young women realise their potential? Discover skills you never knew you had! Its not all about cross skitch and ging-gang goolie!

This year we celebrate 90 years of Brownies. Brownies were founded in 1914 when younger sisters of guides saw what fun they were having and wanted something of their own. The first name for Brownies was Rosebuds but they didn't like their name so it was changed to Brownies after only a few years. Bar Hill Church has kindly agreed for us to plant a Brownie Rose, developed and named to commemorate 90 years of Brownies. Last week, Gary Renison kindly blessed the rose, which will be planted shortly in the garden with a plaque explaining its significance. Several ex-guiders joined present leaders and Brownies at a ceremony held by candle-light on an evening fortunately blessed with no rain!

Rainbows have completed their You and Me Together Challenge which looks at disability awareness. Guides have done the Go-for-It Chocolate Challenge and have been doing multi-cultural activities for their One World Share It Challenge. Brownies, as well as being busy celebrating our 90th birthday will also be completing their Stargazing badge as well as other challenges before Christmas. With Remembrance Sunday and Carol Services around the corner this promises to be a very busy, but very enjoyable few months ahead for Guiding in Bar Hill – why not come and join the fun!

Rainbows – 5-7 year olds (Monday and Wednesday)

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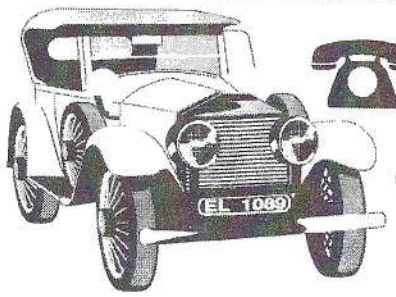

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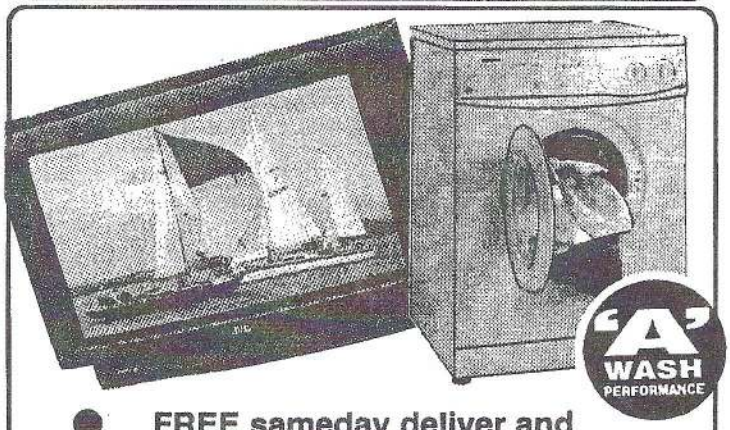

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Found

I found a child's Mickey watch on the school playing field on Saturday 25th September. If the owner would care to contact me, I will be pleased to return it.
Jairo Marin, 3 Chestnut Rise, 781838

Bar Hill Church Art Group

The group meets together on Wednesday afternoons, term time, in the Church. We have been going now for a couple of terms and would love to have some new members to join with us. Most of the group are beginners with one or two who are near beginners and we enjoy painting together, helping and sharing with one another techniques we have learnt.

We will be having a tutor come along from time to time to take us through various projects. We paint mainly in watercolours but do dabble with other media such as acrylics and pen and wash.

We enjoy a pleasant afternoon working and chatting together – why don't you come and join us? You've never painted before? You can't draw? You haven't a clue where to start? I said all those things less than 2 years ago and I I am amazed at how much I have enjoyed learning and trying to improve.

To find out more ring **Joy Childs on 01954 782925** or come along on **to the Church on Wednesday afternoons at 1.45 pm.** If you want to give it a try but don't have any materials just come along, we have some you can use to have a go.

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We hold Coffee Mornings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 20th November from 10.00 oclock until midday in the Octagon. This will be our nearest to Christmas and will include our usual home made cakes and Bric-a-brac and seasonal items which may help with your Christmas shopping.

Please come and support us and browse through our bargains. Hope to see you there.

Sue Kenchington.

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Session Times

Mon	9.00 -	11.30	
Tues	9.15 -	10.45	Play tots
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As well as our sessions we offer a lunch club for the children every day.

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri	11.30 - 12.30
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Places

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Happy Hours The recycled youth club

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Macmillan Coffee Morning. I am pleased to say that this years event for Macmillan Nurses, held in the Church Hall, organised by Olwen Goodwin and many of our ladies, was an outstanding success. The proceeds of our October raffle, £72.00, together with £20.00 from the staff of the Village School, were added to the coffee morning sale of £445.00, making a grand total of £537.00. Well done to all concerned.

Outing. On Wednesday 22nd September, our outing took us to Rickmansworth, where after a talk about the Grand Union Canal, we boarded a long boat for a journey along the canal. The canal which runs from London to Birmingham was built in the mid 1870's by men using spades and wheel-barrows, and is still in daily use, but more for leisure purposes these days. Passing a large Tesco Store, we saw mooring spaces for canal craft, with signs 'for customers only, no overnight mooring'. After lunch at a canalside pub, we made our journey back home, calling at the Galleria Shopping Centre at Hatfield. The next outing is on Wednesday 3rd November, and is a Christmas shopping trip to Milton Keynes.

Holidays. Our next holiday is on Monday 11th October for five days at Blackpool and the Lake District. More about this holiday, next month. This years Tinsel & Turkey Holiday is for five days at Weston Super Mare, starting on Monday 22nd. November.

The A.G.M. The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Monday 8th November. Two vacancies on the Commiittee are to be filled.

Forthcoming Events. The Club Birthday Party will be held on Monday 15th. November. The Christmas Lunch will be held on Monday 13th. December at the Moat House Hotel.

School Havest Festval. Many of our members attended the Bar Hill School Harvest Festival. The service was most enjoyable and was a happy occasion for all, particularly the children who sang and took part in the service. After the service we were invited to stay for coffee and biscuits. Many thanks to the Headmistress, Mrs Whyte and her staff for this kind invitation.

New Member. We welcome Dennis Buxton to our Club. Twice recently he has given us much entertainment by playing the piano with such tunes that we appreciate. Keep coming Dennis, your company and piano playing is most enjoyable.

Sickness. Sid Hunt, our Chairman, has made a very quick recovery from his knee replacement operation, and was able to be back at the Club on Monday 4th October, albeit with the use of a walking stick. Edna Birley has recently suffered some heart problem, but is making progress. We send her our best wishes. *Dennis Holt, 780948.*

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club is a very informal group for women of all ages who live in Bar Hill We meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8pm. We have a varied programme consisting of speakers, demonstrations and outings.

4 November	How to care for your back
2 December	Christmas dinner, Bourn golf club - members only
6 January	School closed
3 February	The history and fossils of Barrington quarry

If you would like to join please come along to one of the meetings or telephone Barbara Page on 204171

Bar Hill Conservatives

Saturday 4th December. Christmas Lunch at 4 Hollytrees by kind invitation of John & Diana Reynolds. Andrew & Sally Lansley and Robert & Liz Sturdy will be attending. 12 for 12.30pm. Tickets £12. each.

For details and tickets please contact Iris Lay - 121 Appletrees, Bar Hill. or 01954 205265.

Roaring success at Bar Hill Library

A talk by the author of the highly acclaimed children's book The Lionboy proved a roaring success with more than 100 children turning up at Bar Hill Library. Author Louisa Young is currently on a nationwide tour meeting children and talking to them about her life and her writing. She made a stop at the Library at Bar Hill on September 20. Louisa read an excerpt from the book and showed the children a range of Lionboy covers from around the world, reading out the blurb from some of them.

After a question and answer session the children from Bar Hill Primary School gave her a roar of approval before lining up to have their copies of Lionboy signed by the author.

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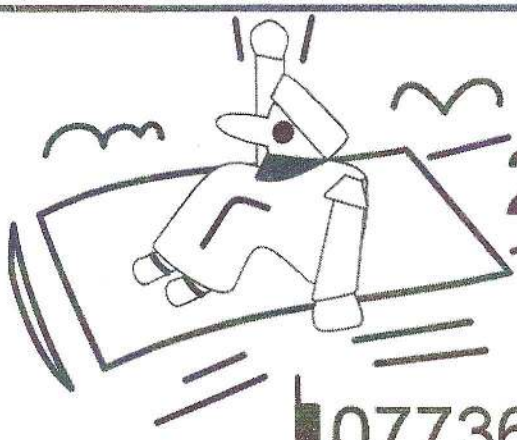

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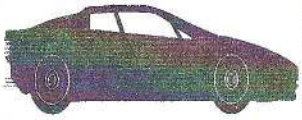

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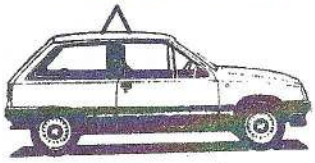

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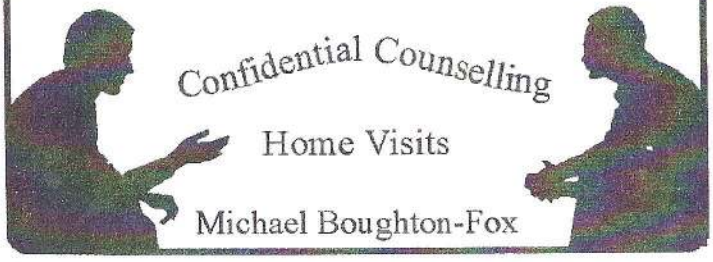

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Thursday 11th November
'Nutrition' Heather's guide to healthy eating: at Heather's.

Thursday 18th November
Telephone treasure trail - members only: at Di's.

Thursday 9th December
Christmas around the world - research and share your findings: at Jennifer's

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to telephone, Jennifer O'Dell 201269 or Bobby Colver 781662

Bar Hill Childminders with Vacancies

This is an up to date list of vacancies of childminders in Bar Hill. This will be updated each month you can also look on the web at opportunitylinks.org.uk

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Alwyn Keeves 781050

St Ives U's Home Travel Coach

From Strength to Strength

Once again the St Ives U's, the Cambridge United Supporters Group, from the St Ives Area, will be running a coach service offering subsidised fares to all Cambridge United Saturday home matches for the 2004/05 season.

Running the coaches reduces the number of cars using the A14 and eases the parking on the roads around the stadium. Our other aim is to take any unescorted youngsters, whose parents are unable to take them, to the games safely. Kurt is one such lad, whose dad (Chris) was taken ill earlier this year and will not be well enough for some time to take him to the games. Chris is our press officer and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Kurt's mum, Kathy, rang to ask if we could take her son to the Swansea game and make sure he returned home safely. We arranged for two people to look out for him and make sure he was back on the coach in time, unbeknown to Kurt, giving him the feeling of being independent.

To help subsidise the coaches, St Ives U's also run regular quiz nights and fans forums, which although very well attended, always have room for more people.

C & G Coaches and WHS/Halo (A division of the Bowater Group) have helped the venture again this year, as well as the poster advertisers, with their generous sponsorship. As stated by Mark Coulson owner of St Ives Beds "We are proud to be involved in this local initiative, especially the unescorted youngsters who are taken to and from the ground safely".

Last year we took an average of 37 supporters to each of the Saturday home games of which, on average, 22 were youngsters. If you want to take advantage of the coach on home-match Saturdays, it picks up from the lay-by between the roundabout and the flyover at 13.50, arrives at the Abbey Stadium at approximately 14.05 and leaves at 17.00 to return home.

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The Illegal Depositing of Waste

A Note from the Environment Agency

Following recent instances involving the illegal deposit of waste in and around Bar Hill, we at the Environment Agency Ely office would like to re-iterate our national Enforcement and Prosecution Policy with respect to this issue. **Prosecution will be the normal course of action in cases of 'fly-tipping'.** We would also like to encourage Bar Hill residents to remain vigilant, as the provision of witness statements is often intrinsic to the success of cases against offenders.

If you do witness a fly-tipping incident be discrete, but try to note the following details:

- The date, time and the place where the fly-tipping is taking place, or has occurred.
- What the waste is and how much.
- A description of any vehicles involved and the registration number.

The Environment Agency's 24 hour hotline is **0800 80 70 60.**

Cricket Club

The end-of-season bash featured lots of good food, good drink and a fair bit of unspeakably bad dancing. It was also the night at which all the good work and performances of the last season were rewarded.

Jonathan Barber and Cameron Scott picked up the under-14s bowling and batting awards respectively, while the under-15 honours went to Scott Stanford and Adam Dean. Overall junior player of the year was Tom Levitt.

Special certificates were also awarded to Matt Richardson, Ollie Barnard and Sam Clare for showing great commitment over the season.

In the seniors, player of the year was shared by captain Dave Fletcher and all-rounder Phil Walmsley, who respectively won the batting and bowling awards. This was a fitting reward for the performers who put in the most consistently high-quality performances in 2004.

Clubman of the Year saw a number of worthy nominations, showing that the club is moving in the right direction, with so many people giving their time and efforts. In the end, Paul Stimpson was named winner.

Most improved player was also yours truly (well, I could hardly have got any worse after a dismal 2003).

Champagne moment went to Dave Sandham, who finally bowled a ball in league cricket after countless games over many years as purely a batsman.

The Duckman award was given to Neil Dempsey, who failed to trouble the scorers on five occasions during the summer. I am assured the rubber duck has pride of place on his mantelpiece.

Special awards were also made to Martin Cullum, in recognition of his hard work preparing the pitches and to Simon Smith, whose innings after suffering a heart attack has become the stuff of club legend. Hopefully the heart-shaped stress ball should help stave off future dramas, but we felt the clockwork heart could come in handy in an emergency.

Pictures from the night and from the 20/20 competition can now be found on the club website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk

Sam Clare was named winner of the competition to design a new club logo. The final design will be unveiled to members in the near future.

The club AGM was held on October 13, with some changes to the committee.

Tony Moffat will once again hold the post of president. Steve Plumb was re-elected as chairman and David Cullum as treasurer, while Paul Stimpson and Dave Fletcher will continue as secretary and first-team captain respectively. Peter Howard stood down as friendly-team captain, but as yet no replacement has been chosen.

Mark Thompson was re-elected as junior representative and Scott Stanford was elected to complete the committee, Julia Thompson having stood down.

There were some changes made to the club constitution to reflect the adoption of the ECB Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket policy and a change in the wording of the club's anti-discrimination policy. Full details on the club website.

It was also agreed to progress with plans for a club tour – possibly next June. Watch this space for details. The prospect of running a second eleven in the future was discussed and it was felt we should work towards this in due course, but maintaining one league team next season.

It was also agreed to rent the indoor nets at The Perse from January onwards. Again, details will appear in this column and on the website at a later date.

If any one would like details about any of the above, or the club in general, please call call me on the number below.

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Football Project

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Straight after school on Tuesdays the pitch is open by Karen Curry for a free kick around for children in years 3 to 6 (two 20 minute sessions). The pitch is opened on Thursdays by Michelle Davis for children in reception to year 2.

We would like to open the pitch on a Friday or Saturday night for casual youth football. To deliver this we need volunteers to go on a rota. Please contact Paul on 781527 if you can help.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson:	Jack Fleming
Vice-Chair:	Alan Hewings
Secretary:	Paul Thorby
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin

Paul Thorby, Tel: 781527

Bar Hill School PTA

Forthcoming Events

13th November - Salsa/R & B Night at the Fox with raffle. Tickets £5 available at School. Ticket includes disco and food. Hurry as tickets are selling fast.

Spring - Car Boot sale. Information to be included in a future BHN.

5th March 2005 Pop Quiz with Fish and Chip Supper

Summer Plant Sale - Order Form to be included in a future edition of Bar Hill News

18th June 2005 - Family Fun Day

For more information nearer the time please look out for the posters around the village or contact the school.

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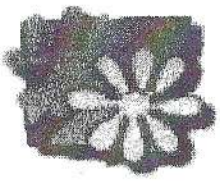

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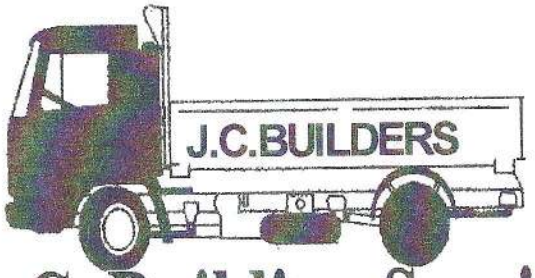

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Feature on the BAR HILL ADULT TEAM

CHAMPIONS! Celebrating after receiving the Division 1A trophy last May. The team went completely unbeaten in their league campaign, winning 13 and drawing 1 of their 14 matches.

The squad has no fewer than 11 players who began their 'careers' playing for the village Colts teams, which is a wonderful testimony to all those people (past and present) who give so much time and effort to make the football environment in this village such a vibrant and successful one. Lets hope the success of the adult teams last season inspires some of our younger players to go on and emulate them. In particular, the current U16's and U17's should be setting their sights on playing for the adult teams in the next year or two (there are 1 or 2 more senior players looking towards retiring so we need the young blood of the village to come through).

This season, both adult teams are sporting brand new identical kits. The 1st team kit has been sponsored by CAMTRONICS for the second year running, our thanks to Jon and Simon York. The reserve team kit is sponsored by IAIN MARTIN BUILDING SERVICES and DHL, to whom we also extend a public thank you.

While giving out thanks, we would again like to thank everyone who came to support us in the two cup finals last season, especially the one played at Cambridge City F.C. The sheer volume of people that turned up and the vocal support given throughout the game will be a lasting memory for the players and officials, it was a proud day for the village. The team will be giving their utmost to go one better this season and actually win it.

Pictured above (right to left) ; Sam Tarrant, Marcus Bright, Lee Kempton, Ben Pope, Kevin Houston, Daniel Silk, Simon North (hidden), Martin Aves (kneeling), Joe Egan, Justin Aves, Dom Carminati, Simon Waters, Chris Ewles (just see top of his head), Joe Salvage, Dom Bright, Kevin Hawkes and Paul Prime (excuse the ciggie!)

Thank you Ian.

As incoming Chairman, the first thing I wish to do is offer a public thank you to Ian Francis for all the hard work and effort he gave during his Chairmanship. I will be doing my best to carry on his good work.

Paul Prime – Chairman.

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U8	Darryn Cooke	203576
U9	Rick Dorling	200408
U10	Kevin Salaman	201701
U11	Paul Thorby	781527
U12	Jairo Marin	781838
U12	Ian Francis	201160
U12 (Girls)	Ruth Pimentel	782253
U13	Barry Dean	205670
U14	Nigel Barber	781533
U15	Barry Driver	789635
U16	Martin Buttress	
U17	Jim Lay	205316

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Weather Or Not (Forecasting The Country Way)

Observation of animal behaviour, plant growth, the wind, clouds, stars and moon is an ancient and well tried method of forecasting the weather. For instance, October and November...

October is usually a month of falling leaves and temperatures. A large number of foggy days in October indicates a hard winter. If the leaves wither on their branches in late autumn instead of beginning to fall as normal; an extra-cold winter is due, for early frosts often bring autumn leaves down; consequently when this does not occur, hard winters can follow.

November, just as fog in October suggests a cold winter, so a cold November signifies a mild winter, all in all it is a dismal month:

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member -
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! -
November! (Thomas Hood, 1844)

There are many daily signs that give a guide to everyday weather:

Sky:

Evening red and morning grey,
two good signs for one fine day.
Evening grey and morning red,
send the shepherd wet to bed.

Rain:

Rain before seven,
Fine by eleven

If the sun goes pale to bed
'twill rain tomorrow it is said

Wind:

When the wind is in the east,
'Tis neither good for man nor beast;
...
When the wind is in the west,
Then the wind is at its best.

Flowers:

The Scarlet Pimpernel as the poor man's weather glass has long been considered to be the most accurate and responsive weather flower. When sunny weather is promised, the tiny red flowers open and when rain approaches they close.

You may shear your sheep when the elder blossoms peep

A similar warning of late cold weather is

Ne'er cast a clout before May is out

(some say the month of May, others the blossom of the hawthorn tree)

Trees:

If the oak is out before the ash,
Then we'll only have a splash;
But if the ash beats the oak,
Then you can expect a soak.

Also when they show the underside of their leaves, giving a much lighter appearance than normal, it is a sure sign of wet weather.

It is also said "when elder leaves are as big as a mouse's ear, then women are in season." (It is not clear whether this advice was for the benefit of young men, or as a warning to anxious fathers and husbands.)

Animals:

When a cow tries to scratch its ear,
It means a shower is very near.
When it clumps its side with its tail,
Look out for thunder, lightning, and hail.

The most common animal indications of rain are:

rabbits out at strange times of day, deer feeding early, donkeys braying more loudly than usual, and cats washing fastidiously behind their ears.

Birds:

Birds make natural weather forecasting pleasant, giving memories of swallows flying high, waxwings eating winter berries, etc. If a robin sings on the rooftops or at the top of a tree it is a good sign, but if it's lower down then be prepared for rain. Blackbirds singing from the treetops promise a fine day, but if they change to lower down – beware. The skylark is another bird that people associate with good weather. It's claimed that if it hovers and glides during descent the weather will remain fine, but if it drops straight down it will rain. When a mistle thrush from the top of a tree sings into the wind it is a bad sign, and has led to this bird being called "the storm coch" or "storm thrush"; even the song signifies rain, for the bird sings "More wet, more wet!"

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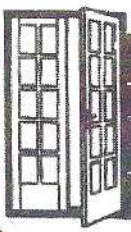

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Church Services

Sun 7th	10.00am	Worship Service and Communion	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
	6.30pm	Creative Worship	Preacher: Mrs Di Gunton
Sun 14th	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Remembrance Day Service	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)	Leader: Rev Gary Renison
Sun 21st	10.00am	Baptism & Confirmation Service	Preacher: Bishop John Inge, Bishop of Huntingdon
	6.30pm	Informal Worship	led by Small Groups Leader: Mrs Alison Hudson
Wednesday 24th	10.00am	Mid-week Communion	
Sun 28th	10.00am	Family Service	Leader: Mrs Claire Thorby
	6.30pm	Quiet Communion	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison

On the Move:
Village Welcome Booklet

"FOR SALE" and "ON THE MOVE" property signs are very much in evidence in the village nowadays. When a new family moves into your street our WELCOME TEAM would like to welcome them. Linda and Brian Howard will be happy to deliver the "Welcome Booklet" when contacted on 781945.

Activities for Children

Advent Pick 'n' Mix It

Saturday 27th November, 2.30pm to 5.00pm for those in years 3 to 6. Activities such as drama, dance, music, craft, cooking all based on a Bible story or theme culminating in a short time of worship. Those that take part in the afternoon will also be encouraged to take part in the Family Service on the 28th November.

Future dates:

Friday 10th December Power Pals

People to contact:

The Minister: Rev Gary Renison (**781629**)
Church Administrator: Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel & Fax **206120**)
Church Secretary: Ms Alison Burling (**789282**)

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne
and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On This Month

(See p29 for Church Services)

Nov.

Thu 4th	8.00pm	8 o'clock club - How to care for your back	School
Fri 5th	7pm	Firework display & Social Club Open Evening	Village Green and Hall
Sat 6th	10.30-12.30	Traidcraft Christmas Sale	Octagon
Sat 6th	2-4pm	Sunshine Pre-school Open Day	S.P.A.R.C
Tue 9th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Thu 11th	8.00pm	NWR 'Nutrition'	Tel 201269
Sat 13th	11am-noon	District & County Council Advice Surgery	New Parish Council Office
Sat 13th	7.30pm	Salsa Dance	Fox
Sat 13th	10am - 3pm	Christmas Gift and Shopping Event	S.P.A.R.C
Sat 13th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club
Thu 18th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Thu 18th	Evening	General Knowledge Quiz	Social Club
Fri 19th	Evening	Children in need Night	Social Club
Sat 20th	10am-noon	Coffee Morning (Knit & Natter)	Octagon
Fri 26th	6.15pm	Sunshine Disco (up to Year 2)	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 26th	7.30pm	Sunshine Disco (Year 3 to 6)	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 26th	Evening	Wayne Champagne	Social Club
Sat 27th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club

Dec.

Sat 4th	7.00pm	Conservatives Supper with Andrew Lansley	Tel 205265
Sat 4th	10am - 3pm	Make a Christmas Gift	Scout Hut
Sat 4th	10am-noon	Book Sale	Library
Thu 9th	8.00pm	NWR 'Christmas around the world'	Tel 201269
Sat 11th		Tea With Santa (Sunshine Pre-school)	S.P.A.R.C
Sat 11th		Karaoke/Disco (Parent & Toddler Group)	School

Residents' Association

Following the recent questionnaire in the the BHN requesting the views of the residents, a rather disappointing, but not unexpected, few of you responded. The total number of responses was 68, representing about 4% of the households in the village.

Of those who responded, the main concerns were:

Transport	28	(41%)
Schools, primary	11	(16%)
Schools, secondary	8	(12%)
Leisure facilities	26	(38%)
Crime, policing	51	(75%)
Shopping facilities	15	(22%)
Northstowe	46	(68%)
Nature reserve	28	(41%)
Environmental issues	36	(53%)
General appearance of the village	58	(85%)
Litter	56	(82%)

Among other concerns were:

15 (22%) complaints about Tesco trolleys left everywhere in the village.

8 (12%) complaints about vandalism, graffitti and anti-social behaviour by youngsters.

5 (7%) complaints about the former barber shop being an eyesore.

Concerns about Northstowe were about whether Bar Hill and the A14 could cope with the extra volume of traffic.

Meetings

Residents' Association's meetings are normally held at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the new Parish Council building next to the Octagon. The next meeting will be on Novemberber 9th. Interested residents are welcome

Martin Avery

October solution

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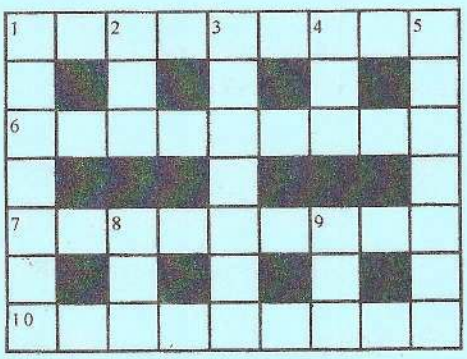
Crossword

Just for fun. Answers next issue.



Across

1. Ethically produced meat
6. Source of organic veg
7. e.g. overcoat
10. A noisy digger

Down

1. Home grown food has more of this
2. Long slim fish
3. Ceased working and went to bed
4. Your wife's first name
5. Fascinate
8. A drink or a meal
9. Record company